

# MONTAGUE SELECTBOARD MEETING

## VIA ZOOM

Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Meeting was opened at 6:00 PM. Present were Selectboard members Rich Kuklewicz, Matt Lord, and Chris Boutwell; Town Administrator Walter Ramsey; Assistant Town Administrator Chris Nolan-Zeller; CWF Superintendent Chelsey Little; RiverCulture Director Suzanne LoManto; and Airport Director Bryan Camden.

Selectboard Chair opens the meeting, including announcing that the meeting is being recorded and roll call taken

**Approve Minutes: Selectboard Meetings, May 5, 2025**

Postponed

**Public Comment Period: Individuals will be limited to two (2) minutes each and the Selectboard will strictly adhere to time allotted for public comment**

None

**Sewer Commissioners with Chelsey Little, CWF Superintendent**

**Public Hearing: Proposed Amendments to the Sewer Use Regulation**

Nolan-Zeller reviews three new adjustments to the Sewer Use Regulation.

*Boutwell makes the motion to adopt the modified Sewer Use Regulation Police as presented. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Abatements for the 2nd half of the FY25 billing cycle**

- *Boutwell makes the motion to abate the 2nd half of the FY25 sewer bill for 55 Main Street, Montague. Seconded by Lord, unanimously unapproved. Boutwell - Nay, Lord - Nay, Kuklewicz - Nay*
- *Boutwell makes the motion to abate the 2nd half of the FY25 sewer bill for 30 School Street, Montague in the amount of \$291.48. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Boutwell makes the motion to abate the 2nd half of the FY25 sewer bill for 87 4th Street, Turners Falls in the amount of \$6,156.00. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Boutwell makes the motion to abate the 2nd half of the FY25 sewer bill for 103 Millers Falls Road, Turners Falls in the amount of \$1,152.00. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Boutwell makes the motion to abate the 2nd half of the FY25 sewer bill for 6 Roosevelt Street, Turners Falls in the amount of \$162.00. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Boutwell makes the motion to abate the 2nd half of the FY25 sewer bill for 82 3rd Street, Turners Falls in the amount of \$2,790.00. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Boutwell makes the motion to abate the 2nd half of the FY25 sewer bill for 84 2nd Street, Turners Falls in the amount of \$324.00. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*
- *Boutwell makes the motion to abate the 2nd half of the FY25 sewer bill for 282 Avenue A, Turners Falls in the amount of \$5,292. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Monthly Permit Summary for April 2025**

- Numbers are good.
- We are now testing for E. Coli because we are in our chlorination season. We have had several instances of high E. Coli readings.
- Regarding the new aeration blowers, we are having some process control "hiccups" because we only have one aeration tank on line. We normally have two.

**Suzanne LoManto, RiverCulture**

**RiverCulture seeks group permission for summer events at Peskeompskut Park including outdoor movies and musical performances. List of events attached**

- Kuklewicz reads aloud the list of events.
- *Boutwell makes the motion to approve the list of RiverCulture events at Peskeompskut Park as read. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

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**Marina Goldman/Emily Monosson**

**Use of Public Property: Montague Center Town Common; Raise a Ruckus: A joyful rally to support Democracy & Honor the Flag, June 14, 2025, from 11:00 AM - 12:00 noon. Set-up @ 10:30 AM, Clean-Up @ 12:30 PM. Approximately 300 people to attend**

*Boutwell makes the motion to approve the Use of Public Property: Montague Center Town Common; Raise a Ruckus: A joyful rally to support Democracy & Honor the Flag, June 14, 2025, from 11:00 AM - 12:00 noon; Set-up @ 10:30 AM, Clean-Up @ 12:30 PM; approximately 300 people to attend. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Peter Chilton, Nova Real Estate, LLC**

**Special Entertainment License to allow 4 rock bands at 148 2nd Street Food Truck lot on May 24, 2025**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize a Special Entertainment License to Peter Chilton, Nova Real Estate, LLC to allow 4 rock bands at 148 2nd Street Food Truck lot on May 24, 2025. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved.*

*Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Personnel Board**

**Appoint Jackson Erali from Franklin Tech School to Airport Grounds Maintenance for a period of 8 months starting 6/1/2025, 40 hours/week @\$17.00/hr.**

*Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Jackson Erali from Franklin Tech School to Airport Grounds Maintenance for a period of 8 months starting 6/1/2025, 40 hours/week @\$17.00/hr. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved.*

*Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Appoint Aiden Bailey to Airport Grounds Maintenance for a period of 6-8 months starting 6/1/2025, 16 hours/week @ \$20.00/hr.**

*Boutwell makes the motion to appoint Aiden Bailey to Airport Grounds Maintenance for a period of 6-8 months starting 6/1/2025, 16 hours/week @ \$20.00/hr. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord -*

*Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Request authorization for Employee Credit Card for Christopher Nolan-Zeller with requested limit of \$2,500.00.**

*Boutwell makes the motion to authorize an Employee Credit Card for Christopher Nolan-Zeller with requested limit of \$2,500.00. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Town Clerk Hiring Committee finalist candidate recommendation: Wendy Bogusz**

*Boutwell makes the motion to accept the recommendation of the Town Clerk Hiring Committee, and authorize the Town Administrator and Selectboard Chair to meet with Wendy Bogusz and come to the Board with a contract when it is ready. Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*

**Director of Assessing Screening Committee updates**

Ramsey asks the Board for a four-to-six-week extension to advertise for the Director of Assessing position.

**Town Administrator's Business**

**Topics not anticipated in the 48-hour posting requirements**

None

**Next Meetings:**

- Annual Town Meeting Continuation: May 14, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Turners Falls High School, 222 Turnpike Road, Montague, MA
- Selectboard, Monday, May 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

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**Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2), to conduct collective bargaining sessions (NEBPA Local 183) and G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and collective bargaining (NEBPA Local 183; S. Williams vs. Town of Montague, MCAD Docket NO. 25SEM00137)**

The Chair deems that holding this discussion in open session would be detrimental to the Town's position.

*Boutwell makes the motion to go into Executive Session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(2), to conduct collective bargaining sessions (NEBPA Local 183) and G.L. c. 30A, Section 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to litigation and collective bargaining (NEBPA Local 183; S. Williams vs. Town of Montague, MCAD Docket NO. 25SEM00137). Seconded by Lord, unanimously approved. Boutwell - Aye, Lord - Aye, Kuklewicz - Aye*